



Depot drill instructors volunteer time for Habitat for Humanity

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
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Nine Marine drill instructors and a Navy chaplain from Recruit Training Regiment's 2nd Battalion volunteered their time to the Habitat for Humanity sub-division Humanity Restore in San Diego July 27.

Volunteers moved and organized household objects such as cabinets, windows, shutters, doors and various other items inside a warehouse that provides Habitat for Humanity with some construction materials.

The Restore accepts donated new and slightly used materials to sell to customers for a turn-around profit used by Habitat for Humanity for building materials.

Habitat for Humanity's main objective is to eliminate sub-standard housing and provide people with better living standards.

They take the lower one-fourth population of areas where the annual income is between \$30,000 to \$50,000, and where the individuals live in a limited amount of space with their families. They provide them with a larger home with a mortgage of about \$1,000, said Mike Gehl, construction supervisor, San Diego Habitat for Humanity.

The battalion has become more involved with the community, according to Lt. Col. Robert R. Scott, commanding officer, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion.

Lt. Cmdr. Edward S. Pease, 2nd Bn. chaplain, suggested the idea of working with Habitat for Humanity, which was accepted by Scott.

Once started, the idea was thrown into motion, and drill instructors with recruits on team week – recruits spread throughout the depot away from their drill instructors for a week helping support various jobs – volunteered to help.

"It's a great opportunity to promote the Marine Corps in the community and a break from training recruits," said Staff Sgt. Chad R. Kiehl, drill instructor, Company H. "Our physical condition and work ethic make it possible for the mission accomplishment of whatever we are tasked."

Welcoming the Marines' help inside the warehouse, Mario Avina, warehouse employee, commented on the gratitude he had for people taking the time to come and volunteer with the organization. Without help, the warehouse would not be able to provide the assistance it does.

Second Bn. intends to make the Habitat for Humanity community service a monthly commitment and welcomes any Marines interested in helping. For more information, contact Pease at (619) 524-5640.



Company H drill instructors carry a glass pane during a Habitat for Humanity project July 27. *Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*

WAITING IN THE WINGS DEPOT CHANGE OF COMMAND



Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, became the first female commanding general here upon assuming command from Maj. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr. See story, pg. 4. *Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*

Graduating again for the first time: New drill instructor leads his first Marines into Corps

BY LANCE CPL. JAMES GREEN
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From the maintenance management field to the drill field, a depot drill instructor decided to make Marines instead of just working alongside them.

Staff Sgt. Sergio M. Santoro, drill instructor, Platoon 2006, Company H, found out for the first time today, how it feels to graduate a platoon of Marines as opposed to graduating with them more than 11 years ago, when he attended recruit training.

"It feels great," said Santoro. "I still remember the 'Drill Instructors Creed.' It's important to keep it in mind so you never lose focus of why you are here."

The Queens, N.Y., native wanted to be a drill instructor since he was a sergeant, nearly four years ago. Santoro said he wouldn't feel right getting out of or retiring from the Marine Corps without doing a tour on the drill field.

Transitioning from the operational forces to a drill instructor opened Santoro's eyes on what is expected of the other drill instructors on the depot.

Staying physically fit is important to Santoro and he enjoys training to stay in shape. He mentioned that being on the drill field was mentally challenging and that he had to be tough physically because the

duty is so demanding.

Drill instructors are around their recruits 24 hours a day, seven days a week for 13 weeks at a time. According to Santoro, it was a work load he wasn't accustomed to, but one he adapted to by being mentally strong.

Santoro's peers refer to him as eager to learn and always asking questions.

"The hardest part about being a new drill instructor is learning and getting used to the new schedule," said Staff Sgt. Ricardo Gill, senior drill instructor, Co. H, Platoon 2006. "(Santoro) was real mature about it and always wanted to improve."

According to Gill, Santoro took great pride in his work and never wanted to fail. He came to the platoon quiet but was soon playing a large role in the training and even had the pleasure of serving with a team of drill instructors who have been nominated for the Band of Brothers award.

"The Band of Brothers award is given to the team that is able to work together effectively without confrontation," said Gill. "We were nominated for always being at work and constantly on the ball."

With his first cycle of recruits graduated, Santoro plans to become a better drill instructor than he already has proved to be. With almost 12 years in the Marine Corps, he said he is giving back to the organization that made him into the Marine he is today.



HIGHER LEARNING

Recruits tackle tall tower to boost morale and overcome fear of heights.

RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

Injured early in training and dropped to a recovery platoon, he rejoined Company H to graduate one cycle later than planned.



Rappel tower tests recruits' will, guts

BY LANCE CPL. ROBERT W. BEAVER
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As a young recruit peeks over the rappel tower's edge, his forehead begins to perspire and his limbs begin to shake. The recruit knows he must face his fear of heights as he knows the only way off this obstacle is straight down.

He gets into position with his toes on the edge and his heels facing away from the tower. In a matter of seconds, he rappels safely to the ground.

With a little more than a week left

until graduation, recruits are challenged with the depot's 60-foot-tall rappel tower. Recruits get the opportunity to become familiar with rappelling through a basic course.

"During this training evolution, the recruits learn the basics of rappelling," said Staff Sgt. Rafael Trevino, an instructor with instructional training company. "This also helps some of them overcome their fear of heights, and it allows them to gain trust in their equipment. This obstacle is definitely a confidence builder."

Recruits learn the proper techniques for rappelling as well as how to create the safety harness that will hold them safely when rappelling.

The harness is made using a six-foot rope that is wrapped around the legs and hips. Then it is secured by a series of square knots.

On the modern battlefield, wars are fought in urban areas. The best way to secure a building is from the top to the bottom as it throws the enemy off, according to Sgt. Juan Lopez, an

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Staff Sgt. Michael R. Castaneda received a Purple Heart with a gold star July 28 at the depot's Morning Colors ceremony for wounds received in action in Iraq Nov. 11, 2004. The Purple Heart was presented to Castaneda by Maj. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general of 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. *Plc: Charlie Chavez/Chevron*

Church helps recruits combat stress

BY LANCE CPL. JAMES GREEN
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Throughout recruit training, recruits endure a tremendous amount of mental, moral and physical stress.

Among the options of dealing with the pressure they are faced with on a day-to-day basis is the choice of going to church on Sunday.

During four hours on Sundays, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., recruits have the options of writing letters or preparing their uniforms and other items for the next week of training, however, many choose to attend a religious service of their choice offered on the depot.

Going to church relieves a lot of the stress recruits endure by letting them know God is still in charge, said Lt. Cmdr. James E. West, chaplain, 1st Recruit Training Battalion. It reminds them that there is a bigger world outside of the depot.

"We offer many services from Catholic, Protestant and Latter Day Saints, to Lutheran, Islamic, Jewish and more," said West.

There are six chaplains on the depot who administer Sunday services for the recruits. Due to the relatively small number of chaplains, it's hard for them to minister and meet the spiritual needs of the hundreds of recruits in boot camp.

To help with the process of informing recruits about religious services and to help minister to others, platoon prayer leaders are picked by drill instructors at the beginning of each training cycle.

Two recruits from each platoon are picked to be prayer leaders. They are there to lead other recruits in evening devotion, a time when recruits meet in groups with their

respective religions for a short prayer before going to sleep.

"We act as counselors and friends to the other recruits," said Pvt. Guillermo Guzman Jr., a prayer leader for Platoon 2006, Company H. "Sometimes they come up to me and ask me to pray for them."

Guzman said that going to church and participating as a prayer leader helped him deal with his stress by getting his focus off of his own problems and taught him to help with his platoon mates' spiritual issues.

Before boot camp, Guzman was an usher and youth group leader at his church in his hometown of El Paso, Texas. It was during that time he learned the skills he passed on to the other recruits and taught them about prayer and how to get closer with God.

"It motivates me as a prayer leader to know I am doing a good job," said Guzman. "Here, I learned I could help those in need, as well as myself, by doing so."

Church allowed the recruits to keep track of the days. Recruits would count down the days until Sunday so they had a reason to stay motivated, Guzman added.

Many recruits are grateful for the opportunity presented to them through religious services.

"The appreciation becomes apparent when the graduating company attends church on their last Sunday," said West. "They come and thank us, telling us how they couldn't have made it without us."

For some recruits, church is the number one way to combat stress. Even though religious services only run once a week, it gets the recruits through each day in between Sundays by giving them something to look forward to during the week.

BRIEFS

Military testing offered at RAB

Recruit Administration Branch offers the Defense Language Proficiency Test, Defense Language Aptitude Battery, and Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery tests to all military members, active and reservists. Testing is held every Friday at 8 a.m. Contact Mr. Rahmani or Mrs. Walters at (619) 524-6123 to schedule an appointment.

Online National Security Personnel System course

Now is your opportunity to familiarize yourself with the National Security Personnel System. Employees are encouraged to take this online course and print the certificate to be included into your DCPDS training record. Please drop off a copy of your certificate at the HRO Building 7 West. Military supervisors and managers are also asked to drop a copy of the certificate.

The Department of Defense web-based course, NSPS 101 is now available at <http://www.cpmns.osd.mil/nsps/nsps101>.

This 45 to 60 minute course provides an excellent overview of NSPS, including classification, conversion, compensation, performance management and workforce shaping. One notable feature of the course is a conversion tool with salary calculator, where employees can determine their new career group, pay schedule, pay band and an estimate of their within grade increase buy-in. You are welcome to send any questions you may have via e-mail to Aixa Bueltel at aixa.bueltel@usmc.mil.

Voting assistance

Voting is our right and a civic responsibility. Its importance cannot be overstated. Please take the time to vote in the General Elections on Nov 7, 2006. To vote you must be registered so that you can receive an absentee ballot. Unit Voting Assistance Officers can help you with registration. It's quick and easy. Please contact your UVAO if you would like to exercise your right to vote. Here are the UVAO's located aboard the Depot: **Command/Installation:** Ms. Botuchis at (619) 524-8735 **Headquarters and Service Battalion:** Capt. Serano at 524-1979 **Recruit Training Regiment:** Gunnery Sgt. Leese at 524-0367 **12th Marine Corps District:** Capt. Mestemacher at 524-5572

Recruiter assistants wanted

Recruiting Station Twin Cities, Minn., is looking for Marines, sergeant and below, to participate in the Command Recruiting Program as recruiter assistants for the following areas: Anoka, Chisago, Isanti, Sherburne and Wright County. Marines will be issued permissive TAD orders by parent commands if authorized. Promotion points, Meritorious Mast, Certificates of Commendation and many other incentives are available. For more information, contact Master Gunnery Sgt. Bautista at (763) 576-9049, or e-mail bautistaeg@marines.usmc.mil

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L.A. Marines awarded for heroism in fire

BY STAFF SGT. BOBBIE J. BRYANT
Recruiting Station Los Angeles

The Los Angeles City Council recently presented two Marines with Letters of Commendation at the Los Angeles City Hall in recognition of their heroic attempt to save lives during a residential fire.

Lance Cpl. Richard Figueroa, 21, of Los Angeles and Staff Sgt. Jose Umana, 27, of San Diego tried desperately to save the lives of a 34-year-old woman and her 4-year-old daughter on the morning of June 27, but were overcome by flames forcing them to exit the home.

Within minutes, the fire engulfed the 600 square-foot home claiming the lives of both mother and daughter as the fire blazed through their bungalow-style home.

The Marines, after learning there were people trapped in the home, instinctively sprang into action attempting to save the trapped pair. As they rushed inside, horrible screams for help rang in their ears. They were given some water and threw it on the door to see how hot it was. Steam instantly rose from the scorching door telling them it was unsafe to enter. The only way into the home was through a window barricaded by safety bars.

After they pulled the bars with their own hands,

Umana used his shirt to cover his face and low crawled into the living room. He no longer heard shouts from inside and noticed the ceiling falling down before turning to leave the house.

During the ordeal, Figueroa nearly severed his thumb after shattering a window and was taken to the hospital.

Although two lives were lost in the tragic incident, the city wanted to recognize the heroic efforts of the Marines.

"There are so many of us who live our lives without worry," said Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "We just get in our car and go on about our day. We do not always remember the reasons why we live free or worry free. It is because of the men and women who train to protect and serve the people of this country. These two put their lives on the line with a total disregard for their own selves. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for what you have done."

A councilmember of the 10th District of Los Angeles presented the certificates to the Marines along side the Mayor and the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments.

"Today we honor these two Marines who were able to make decisions in the midst of chaos," said Councilman

Herb J. Wesson, Jr. "They saw a fire and without hesitation, without a concern for their own safety, they did everything they could to save someone's life."

"I wasn't thinking about being brave. I just thought it was the right thing to do," said Umana, a student at Drill Instructor School aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. "My main mission was to save the people inside. I just spoke to that little girl two days before she died. I wish I could have saved her and her mother's life."

During the tearful ceremony, both Marines turned to the victims' family.

"I am sorry for your loss. I wish I could have done more. You are in my prayers," said Figueroa, a motor transportation operator with 2nd Truck Company, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

After the ceremony, the Los Angeles patrol command officer of the Wilshire Station took time to address the Marines.

"This was the perfect example of the quality and courage of the people we have in the Marine Corps," said Capt. Phillip Tingirides. "These two are a real tribute to the Corps for the simple fact that Marines do not stop working just because they are off duty. It is their character, and they are always ready."



A drill instructor with Company H holds the rope for a recruit to ensure his safety as he slides down the depot's rappel tower. *Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*



Sgt. Juan Lopez, an instructor with Instructional Training Company, explains to a recruit how to regain his balance on the top of the depot's rappel tower. *Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

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instructor with Instructional Training Company.

Recruits get the opportunity to learn several different rappelling techniques. Fast roping, wall rappelling and descending a simulated helicopter hell hole are the three different training scenarios featured on the tower.

Fast roping, a method used for quick insertion on an objective from a helicopter, is the first technique recruits learn during this training phase. Sliding down 15 feet of rope to the ground, the fast technique is similar to the way a fire fighter slides down a pole during an emergency.

The recruits must do their part when sliding down the rope to quickly clear the landing zone to prevent being landed on by the following recruit.

Each recruit has the opportunity to experience fast roping during boot camp; however, they may not have the chance to do both of the other methods due to the short amount of time for the training evolution, according to Trevino.

Like the fast rope technique, the hell hole is used for fast insertion from a

helicopter. The term hell hole refers to the hole in a helicopter's fuselage. But unlike fast roping, hell hole insertion is used with safety equipment and is done at a higher altitude. This version of rappelling is a vertical drop from the top of the tower.

The other technique recruits may learn is the wall rappel. This method is also used with safety equipment, and simulates rappelling down the side of a building.

Recruits are issued the respective safety gear prior to the training evolution. With the assistance of a tactical helmet, gloves, ropes, carabiner and a spotter, recruits make their descent safely to the ground.

Although this training only gives recruits the basics, it will benefit them later when they continue their training while they are in the Fleet Marine Force, according to Trevino.

During the one-day course, recruits learn three different techniques of rappelling. Although some recruits will not be in combat units, there's always a chance they may be called to fulfill the duty of every Marine and be a rifleman.

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Depot welcomes new commanding general

BY STAFF SGT. JEFF JANOWIEC
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Six units of Marines marched across the depot's Honors Area Grass during the Aug. 4 change of command ceremony for the commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region.

With pomp and flare provided by Marine Band San Diego and precision movements performed by Marines aboard the depot, Maj. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr. relinquished his command of MCRD and WRR to Brig. Gen. Angela Salinas.

"I am very honored and very humbled with this responsibility entrusted to me," said Brig. Gen. Salinas during her remarks at the ceremony.

The depot was founded by Col. Joseph H. Pendleton in 1919 and had its origins as an expeditionary base for his 4th Provisional Marine Regiment. Recruits began training here in 1923, and by the end of World War II, the depot's primary mission became recruit training and has been ever since.

Annually more than 17,000 young men walk across the parade deck here as Marines and an equal number is recruited from the western half of the United States.

To achieve this high volume of recruits being transformed into Marines, it takes the dedicated work of more than 3,000 Marines, sailors and civilians who are part of the depot and WRR.

With these two missions, recruiting and recruit training, the commanding general has to have the pulse on both, which is critical to the overall success of making Marines.

As she addressed the gathered crowd, Brig. Gen. Salinas said the Marines under her charge are the ones who will continue to make the Marine Corps successful.

"It is truly the Marines that are before you who will accomplish the very task asked from the Commandant of the Marine Corps and from this nation to fill the ranks of the United States Marine Corps," said Brig. Gen. Salinas.

"I look forward to being at the helm of such an outstanding command," she said. "I expect and I

challenge that we will continue to do the great things that Gen. Paxton has done in the past."

At about 4 p.m. Sgt. Maj. Bobby Woods, sergeant major of MCRD and WRR, presented the two generals with the organizational colors. It was during this exchange of the colors that the change of command was symbolically accomplished.

Commanding the depot and WRR takes good, solid leadership. Maj. Gen. Paxton remarked that Brig. Gen. Salinas was the right person for the right job.

"It was the Marine Corps' foresight to put a round peg in a round hole," said Maj. Gen. Paxton about his replacement.

He reminisced for a moment during his speech and recalled what his predecessor, Lt. Gen. Jan Huly, now the deputy commandant of Plans, Policies, and Operations at Headquarters Marine Corps, had said to him when he took command of the depot three years ago.

"My predecessor said to 'Have more fun than I did,'" said Maj. Gen. Paxton to Brig. Gen. Salinas. "I'm not sure I did that. But I dare you to have the place mean more to you than it did to me."

At that emotional comment Maj. Gen. Paxton paused for a moment and looked down, which was followed by applause from the hundreds of guests watching and listening.

The people involved with the recruit depot and WRR was Maj. Gen. Paxton's passion and life.

"I'm filled with a little sadness," said Brig. Gen. Salinas, "as all the Marines, sailors and civilians of San Diego are because today we bid goodbye to not only a great leader, a phenomenal officer and a tremendous Marine, but I am losing a mentor and a friend.

"You have touched the lives of everyone here aboard the depot," she said.

Shortly after both generals made comments, the band struck up and the parade units – comprised of Headquarters and Service Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, Weapons Field Training Bn., the depot color guard, and the 8th, 9th, and 12th Recruiting Districts – marched in front of both Maj. Gen. Paxton and Brig. Gen. Salinas in a pass in review, which marked the end of the ceremony and a new beginning for each of their tours.



Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, addresses her Marines and sailors for the first time during a change of command ceremony Aug. 4. *Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*



Marine Band San Diego members entertain guests before the depot change of command ceremony. *Lance Cpl. James Green/Chevron*



A larger-than-usual depot color guard presents the national and Marine Corps colors in the change of command ceremony here. *Lance Cpl. James Green/Chevron*



Maj. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr. left the depot to become the commanding general of 1st Marine Division. *Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

SEMI CYCLES COME FULL CIRCLE

Co. H Marine graduates after injury hinders training

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
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Despite an injury one-third of the way through boot camp the first time, a Company H recruit, who was set back in training, reunited with the same company after an entire cycle of recruits graduated.

Private First Class Justin D. C. Ninde, Platoon 2003, from Apple Valley, Calif., left for Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on Jan. 23, after his grandfather, who was his inspiration to join, passed away April 21, 2005.

His grandfather was a medic in the Army and had triggered his interest, from the age of 13, in the armed services after sharing his military experiences. After he passed away, Ninde focused on the Marine Corps as the most challenging service, and enlisted.

Four weeks into his training, Ninde developed a hernia – the inside layer of the abdominal wall weakened causing a bulge or tear and a balloon-type sac, which can contain a loop of the intestine or abdominal tissue causing pains and problems – that required medical attention and resulted in surgery.

Dropped from Co. H and placed under the care of Navy medical doctors at Naval Medical Center San Diego, Ninde underwent surgery on March 23. It was a success and he returned to training with the Medical Rehabilitation Platoon on the depot.

During the healing time with MRP, Ninde encountered mental obstacles about finishing training and the road to successfully completing Marine Corps boot camp.

“There were times when I thought that I wasn’t going to make it through,” said Ninde. “The doctors would ask if I wanted to still be a Marine or if I wanted to go home. I just couldn’t bring myself to quit.”

As a pillar of strength, Ninde relied on his family to encourage his spirit and keep him from allowing himself to quit.

Ninde remained positive about recruit training until the end of the first four weeks and toward the time of his injury.

“I helped him as much as I could with positive reinforcement and scriptures,” said Christine L. Ninde, mother. “I just put my faith in the Lord and prayed for him.”

Recruits who are injured can be in MRP for a long time. The Marine Corps provides them with rehabilitation, physical therapy and help as long as they maintain the physical standards expected for a full recovery. For Ninde, he spent three months in MRP.

The recruits who still want to train after injuries are the reason drill instructors at MRP are there, said Staff Sgt. Roger L. Escamilla, drill instructor, Physical Conditioning Platoon.

Brought back into training June 16 with Co. H, Ninde was reunited with his previous company and a drill instructor from his previous platoon, whom he requested to be placed under.

“I told him that we would look out for him and that he was going to graduate with Co. H,” said Sgt. Orlando E. Castillo, drill instructor.

Due to his physical condition, Ninde experienced problems during the hikes on the field portion of boot camp. Not allowing him to give up, Castillo reassured him and helped him.

After Ninde completed the final obstacle of field training, an infamous steep hill known as the “Reaper,” his struggle to continue training was validated upon his accomplishment.

“At the top of that hill I knew that this is where I was supposed to be,” said Ninde. “I thought to myself, ‘Why would I have ever wanted to quit?’”

Ninde’s dedication to the Marine Corps is exemplified by his never-quit attitude and his goals in the Corps to be an aviation mechanic. He will move on and continue to work hard to accomplish his goals, added Castillo.

With an injury behind him and the rest of his Marine Corps career ahead, Ninde has started his journey having earned the title Marine.



Pfc. Justin D. C. Ninde, Platoon 2003, Company H, started boot camp in Co. H. After an injury and a few months of rehab, Ninde rejoined Co. H on its next cycle. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

Colonel Raymond Adamiec

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Colonel Raymond Adamiec, a native of Chicago, began his Marine Corps career on this day 37 years ago in 1969 as a recruit at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Upon completion of recruit training, he was transferred to Marine Aviation Training Support Group 90, Millington, Tenn., for technical training in avionics. In May 1970, Adamiec reported to Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron 2, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., as an electronic counter measures technician and was further reassigned to Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 14.

Upon selection to the Naval Enlisted Scientific Education Program in 1972, Adamiec was transferred to the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Bainbridge, Md. Adamiec then attended Marquette University, receiving a bachelor’s degree in mathematics with a minor in psychology and received his commission

in December 1975.

Completing The Basic School in July 1976, he was transferred to Athens, Ga., for Aviation Supply Officer School. Arriving in Hawaii in January 1977, he was assigned to Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 24, 1st Marine Brigade. With the implementation of unit rotation, he was assigned to Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 212 and deployed to the Western Pacific in March 1978. Returning to Hawaii, he was again assigned to Marine Air Group 24 before rejoining VMFA-212 in October 1979 for a second WestPac deployment.

In January 1981, Adamiec transferred to MATSG, Meridian, Miss., to serve as the administrative officer, executive officer and commanding officer for the Aviation Supply, Aviation Maintenance Admin, and Aviation Operations Enlisted Schools.

Selected for the Advanced Degree Program, Adamiec attended the University of Illinois, in Champaign, Ill., from September 1984 to July 1986 obtaining a Master of Science in mathematics with an operations research specialty.

Adamiec was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps Installations and Logistics Branch as a logistics analyst from July 1986 to July 1989.

In July 1989, Adamiec reported to Ma-

rine Aircraft Group 39, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. and served as the executive officer of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 39 where he spearheaded the logistics support for MAG-50 during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Adamiec was transferred to I Marine Expeditionary Force in April 1992 and assumed duties as plans and operations officer and I MEF aviation logistics officer. During Operation Restore Hope, Adamiec served as liaison for Combined Joint Task Force Somalia and Marine Forces Pacific to commander-in-chief Central Command.

Adamiec was the commanding officer of MALS-11 at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Calif. from December 1993 to July 1995. He successfully split his squadron to provide support to squadrons at El Toro and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., as a result of Base Realignment and Closure decisions.

Selected for Top Level School, Adamiec attended the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., from August 1995 to June 1996. He obtained a Master of Arts in national security and strategic studies and was the recipient of the James D. Forrestal Award for Excellence in Strategy and Force Planning.

In July 1996, Adamiec reported to Marine Forces Pacific for assignment as the assistant chief of staff, aviation logistics. During this tour of duty, he realigned aviation support to support multiple operation plans across the Pacific area of operations.

From August 2001 through September 2003, Adamiec was the deputy commander of Naval Space Command and Naval Network and Space Operations Command in Dahlgren, Va. He led a worldwide team in positioning satellite assets and other classified projects in support of the war on terrorism.

Adamiec’s current assignment is the Installation and Logistics Officer for Miramar.

Adamiec was followed into the Marine Corps by two brothers, a sister, his son, three nephews and his son-in-law.

Adamiec’s personal decorations include the Legion of Merit with one gold star, Meritorious Service Medal with two stars, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal with one star.

He and his wife, Cathy, have two children, Capt. David Adamiec and Mrs. Serena Ray. He also has two grandchildren, Nolan, 6 and Katerina, 3.

Platoon 2003	Platoon 2007	Platoon 2001	Platoon 2002	Platoon 2005	Platoon 2006	Platoon 2001	Platoon 2007
COMPANY HONOR MAN Lance Cpl. A. J. Haley Anchorage, Alaska Recruited by Staff Sgt. W. M. Kidd	SERIES HONOR MAN Pfc. D. Odom Indianapolis Recruited by Staff Sgt. S. Hayes	PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. S. L. Ferolie Phoenix Recruited by Staff Sgt. S. T. Young	PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. M. A. Davenport Oklahoma City Recruited by Sgt. W. L. Sanders	PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. J. W. Hardy Kansas City, Mo. Recruited by Staff Sgt. M. A. Perez	PLATOON HONOR MAN Pfc. K. J. Rempé Kansas City, Mo. Recruited by Staff Sgt. J. Hernandez	HIGH SHOOTER (239) Pfc. B. S. Forga Glenwood, Ark. Recruited by Sgt. D. J. Deaton	HIGH PFT (300) Pfc. J. L. Ruiz Dallas Recruited by Sgt. D. Fredrick

HOTEL COMPANY



Staff Sgt. Felix Rocha, drill instructor, Platoon 2002, Company H, instructs a recruit on how to tie a seat for the depot's 60-foot rappel tower. Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron

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Sergeant Major
Sgt. Maj. T. L. Shatto
Battalion Drill Master
Gunnery Sgt. P. Duncan

COMPANY H
Commanding Officer
Capt. J. E. Mansel
Company First Sergeant
1st Sgt. M. A. Arvizu
Company Corpsman
Petty Officer 1. M. Jones

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Series Commander
1st Lt. T. H. Buff
Series Gunnery Sergeant
Staff Sgt. R. L. Bell

SERIES 2005
Series Commander
Capt. E. S. Bowmer
Series Gunnery Sergeant
Staff Sgt. C. S. Taylor

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Sgt. M. D. Ross
Sgt. B. M. Wendel

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Pvt. S. R. Begay
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Pvt. D. T. Bernabe II
Pfc. M. L. Boots

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Pvt. J. J. Alexander
Pvt. T. M. Alldem
Pfc. S. Antanesian
Pfc. E. A. Ariaga
Pvt. A. G. Beerman

Pvt. S. B. Bordthausen
Pfc. P. W. Bunnell
Pfc. D. D. Butler
Pvt. J. J. Capel
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Pfc. B. W. Cloudus
Pfc. T. W. Coniam
*Pfc. J. A. Cory
Pfc. J. A. Cox
*Pfc. J. W. Crofoot
Pfc. D. Degrenier
Pfc. B. J. Deltz
Pvt. J. L. Dowdy
Pvt. M. D. Downes Jr.
Pfc. R. R. Dunlap
Pfc. N. Entingh
Pvt. M. B. Evers
Pvt. D. R. Fasholz
Pfc. S. L. Ferolie
Pvt. J. M. Fisher
Pvt. J. R. Buff
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Pvt. S. C. Garcia
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Pvt. S. S. Hornor
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Pvt. J. A. Laprade
Pvt. S. P. Maloney
Pvt. B. S. Morse
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Pvt. W. J. Reed
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Pfc. C. A. Tancredo
Pvt. B. R. Waldrup
Pvt. D. G. Ware
Pvt. M. P. Woodrick

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Pvt. T. J. Bommarito
*Pfc. T. Boxx
Pvt. R. Butler Jr.
Pvt. E. R. C. Garcia
Pvt. M. A. Campos
Pvt. M. R. Cassotta
Pfc. M. L. Cherry
Pfc. M. P. Claborn
Pfc. M. R. Coles
Pvt. M. J. Coronado
*Pfc. J. C. Cox
Pfc. C. A. Crowder
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Pvt. R. S. Cyrus
Pvt. M. A. Davenport
*Pfc. D. C. Deterding
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Pvt. J. M. Doolittle
Pfc. L. Eckert
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Sgt. R. H. Troncatti
Sgt. T. J. Waltman

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Pvt. M. A. Beltz
Pfc. C. A. Bergeron
Pvt. Z. R. Blackwell
Pvt. E. B. Boerschinger
*Pfc. M. A. Bourgeois
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Pvt. C. L. Davis
*Pfc. P. E. Duppier
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Pfc. J. M. Goodwin
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H&S Bn. goes undefeated, wins football championship



Headquarters and Service Battalion receiver Cpl. Nick Galvin makes a leaping catch. *Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron photos*

BY LANCE CPL. ROBERT BEAVER
Chevron Staff

It wasn't looking good for Headquarters and Service Battalion when their quarterback, Sgt. Edgar Villa, depot color sergeant, was stuffed by 3rd Recruit Training Battalion's defensive end on two consecutive plays during the first quarter of the Commanding General's Cup championship football game Tuesday.

With 3rd Bn. ahead with two touchdowns early in the game, both by well placed short passes, Villa knew he had to make something happen. On the following play, Villa made a short pass to receiver Sgt. Lynden D. Gwartney, who juked past several defensive players and ran into the end zone to make H&S Bn.'s first touchdown.

With momentum generated from their first touchdown, H&S Bn. spent the rest of the game playing catch-up with the opposing team.

Mid-game was back and forth for both teams with no one scoring until the end of the third quarter. H&S Bn. was in possession of the ball when they took advantage of another opportunity to throw short into the end zone for another touchdown, evening the score with both teams at 12.

3rd Bn. missed both their conversion chances early in the game, making H&S Bn.'s second attempt the deciding factor of the game. They used the same play with the same player to score the extra point, giving them a one-point lead.

With little time left in the game and behind only one point, 3rd Bn. seemed consistent on their last push down field by completing several conversions. They pushed as far as the 16-yard line but failed to move any further down field.

Undermanned and with an extra game under their belts, 3rd Bn. gave H&S Bn. a run for their money.

"It was a close game," said Villa. "They went through a lot to get here, and they almost beat us. That says a lot about their team."

With a final score of 13-12, H&S Bn. takes home the trophy and the 2006 CG's Cup championship title.



Headquarters and Service Battalion quarterback Sgt. Edgar Villa looks for an open receiver in the championship game.